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The 18th installment to the Marvel Cinematic Universe, "Black Panther," might just be their most important, best film yet. Directed by Ryan Coogler and boasting stunning performances from Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira and Letitia Wright, as well as amazing action and a distinctive style, everyone's going to be talking about "Black Panther" for myriad reasons. Join the conversation by checking out pages 13-16 and visiting **metro.us**

TRUMP LAWYER SAYS HE PAID PORN STAR

1 A private lawyer for President Donald Trump says he paid $130,000 of his own money to adult film star Stormy Daniels who claimed she had an affair with Trump more than a decade ago. The payment to Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, was made during the 2016 presidential election campaign but the lawyer, Michael Cohen, said he was working alone and that it was not a campaign expense. "Neither the Trump Organization nor the Trump campaign was a party to the transaction with Ms. Clifford, and neither reimbursed me for the payment, either directly or indirectly," Cohen said in a statement on Tuesday night. Daniels was quoted as saying in a 2011 interview with In Touch Weekly that she had an affair with Trump after they met at a Lake Tahoe golf tournament in 2006. Trump has denied the affair with Daniels.

WH FACES PRESSURE OVER AIDE'S DEPARTURE

2 President Donald Trump faced new pressure on Wednesday from his Republican allies in Congress over domestic abuse allegations against a former aide as lawmakers questioned whether his administration has properly vetted top staffers. Republican Rep. Trey Gowdy, chairman of the House Oversight Committee, said he was investigating when the White House learned of "potential derogatory or disqualifying information" about former Staff Secretary Rob Porter. Porter left the White House last week after two former wives said he abused them. He has denied the accusations. "The chronology is not favorable for the White House," Gowdy said on CNN. Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, meanwhile, said the White House should improve its vetting process.

SHOOTING AT HIGH SCHOOL IN FLORIDA INJURES MULTIPLE PEOPLE

3 People are brought out of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School after a shooting at the school that reportedly killed and injured multiple people on Wednesday in Parkland, Florida. Numerous law enforcement officials continue to investigate the scene. ***For more on the shooting, see page 10.***

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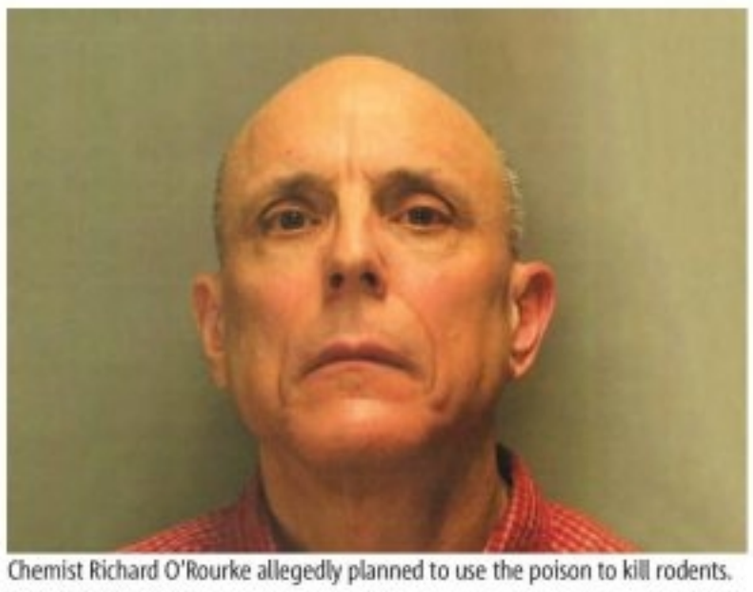
TRUMP'S PARADE COULD COST MILLIONS

4 The military parade that President Donald Trump wants to stage, likely in Washington, would cost U.S. taxpayers up to $30 million, the White House budget chief said on Wednesday in remarks on the administration's fiscal 2019 spending plan. Mick Mulvaney, was asked about the parade, which Trump's spending plan does not break out as a specific item. "The estimates I've seen, they're very preliminary, is between $10 million and $30 million, depending upon the length," said Mulvaney, director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. "Obviously an hour parade is different from a five-hour parade in terms of the cost and the equipment and those types of things." Trump came up with the idea after a 2017 trip to France, according to media reports.

SPACEX GETS OK ON SATELLITE INTERNET

5 Elon Musk's SpaceX, fresh off the successful launch this month of the world's most powerful rocket, won an endorsement on Wednesday from the top U.S. communications regulator to build a broadband network using satellites. Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai proposed the approval of the application. "Satellite technology can help reach Americans who live in rural or hard-to-serve places where fiber optic cables and cell towers do not reach," Pai said in a statement. SpaceX told the FCC in a Feb. 1 letter that it plans to launch a pair of experimental satellites on one of its Falcon 9 rockets. That launch, already approved, is set for Saturday in California. The rocket will carry the PAZ satellite for Hisdesat of Madrid, Spain, and multiple smaller secondary payloads.



Chemist Richard O'Rourke allegedly planned to use the poison to kill rodents.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DA

Chemist dumped cyanide in water supply, say prosecutors

Chemist charged with risking a catastrophe after allegedly dumping stolen poison in water supply to conceal theft from his lab.

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It sounds like a plot from a comic book: a mad scientist dumping poison into a town's water supply.

But according to prosecutors, 60-year-old former Merck chemist Richard O'Rourke was no supervillain. He's just dumb.

O'Rourke, a now-fired senior analytical chemist at a Merck & Co. laboratory in Upper Gwynedd, allegedly was spotted stealing potassium cyanide from work by a coworker on Dec. 14 and allegedly pouring the chemical inside a Nalgene bottle. The coworker promptly notified the company, which contacted police.

Prosecutors say O'Rourke stole the poison to use to kill rodents at his residence. But when he caught wind of the fact he was being investigated for the theft, in what may have been an attempt to hide the evidence, he dumped the entire Nalgene bottle of poison into a storm-drain, causing a panic as state officials raced to monitor water supplies for signs of cyanide reaching the public.

"When he found out there was an investigation, he dumped the chemical into a storm-water inlet," the Montgomery County DA's office said. "After two weeks of intensive testing, assessing and monitoring storm-water systems, outfalls, retention basins, waterways and their tributaries, no evidence was found of a toxic impact."

Now, instead of just theft, O'Rourke is also charged with causing or risking a catastrophe and reckless endangerment of another person, felonies that could carry a lengthy prison term.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), as well as Aqua PA and the Philadelphia Water Department (which both have intake facilities that could have been affected), were on "high alert" for the two weeks after the chemical dump, through Dec. 29.

"According to PADEP, a significant rainfall occurred several days after the dumping of potassium cyanide," the Montco DA's office said. "That rain should have been sufficient to flush the potassium cyanide out of any stormwater inlet, leading the agency to determine that the chemical had been diluted and washed out."

O'Rourke is free after posting bail, set at $35,000, and will return to court on March 6.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Pa. begins selling medical marijuana

For patients seeking relief through prescription pot, sales will begin on Thursday in Pennsylvania at medical marijuana facilities.

Some facilities open Thursday. In the Philadelphia area, the nearest shops will open on Saturday morning: Terra Vida Holistic Center in Sellersville and Keystone Shops in Devon.

But if you're in in the Pittsburgh area, on Thursday Cresco Yeltrah in Brookville will be the first store to start selling cannabis-based medical products as of 9 a.m.

"Medical marijuana is legal, safe and now available to Pennsylvanians suffering from 17 serious medical conditions," Gov. Tom Wolf said in a statement, two years after signing the medical marijuana legislation. "Pennsylvanians have been waiting years for this moment."

Some 17,000 patients are currently registered to get medical marijuana. Approximately 708 physicians are registered to participate in the state's medical marijuana program.

Despite this step forward, pro-legalization activists say it isn't enough given the long history of criminal prosecution of marijuana merchants in Pennsylvania.

Some have complained that medical marijuana stores require patients to have specific illnesses, don't sell whole-leaf marijuana, as well as saying that the medical prescription process may present an obstacle to some patients. Many activists are continuing to push for Washington state- or Colorado-style full legalization.

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ON ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD, FREQUENT DEATHS ARE THE COST OF INACTION

Family and friends of a pedestrian killed on Roosevelt Blvd. hold up "slow down" signs to traffic on Monday. RANDY LOBASSO

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Analysis

About 15 of us stood in the median of Roosevelt Boulevard on Monday, reciting the Lord's prayer. We were led by Daniela Gabay's mother, who had been grieving losing her 21-year-old daughter to traffic violence here.

Gabay was killed by a driver while crossing Roosevelt at Large Street on Feb. 5. Wreckage from the crash was still visible, and a small memorial had been set up.

As of this writing, Gabay is the boulevard's latest victim. And unfortunately, these sorts of incidents are commonplace. A long-term solution is being planned and funded. A short-term solution is collecting dust in the capitol.

The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, where I work, set up the small memorial as part of our advocacy for zero traffic deaths in Philadelphia. Gabay's family, several advocates and a Fox 29 producer, joined us as we put up the first of what will inevitably be numerous signs to note where a pedestrian was killed. It won't be our last trip to the Boulevard.

As Streetsblog wrote, "Roosevelt is a death trap. At 12 lanes wide, it's basically an at-grade highway through densely populated city neighborhoods. Every year, there are about 700 crashes and 10 traffic fatalities."

More than 10 percent of Philadelphia's road fatalities happen on Roosevelt Boulevard, even though it represents just 0.6 percent of city streets.

To curb these deaths, the Pennsylvania Legislature has to pass Senate Bill 172, creating a speed camera pilot program.

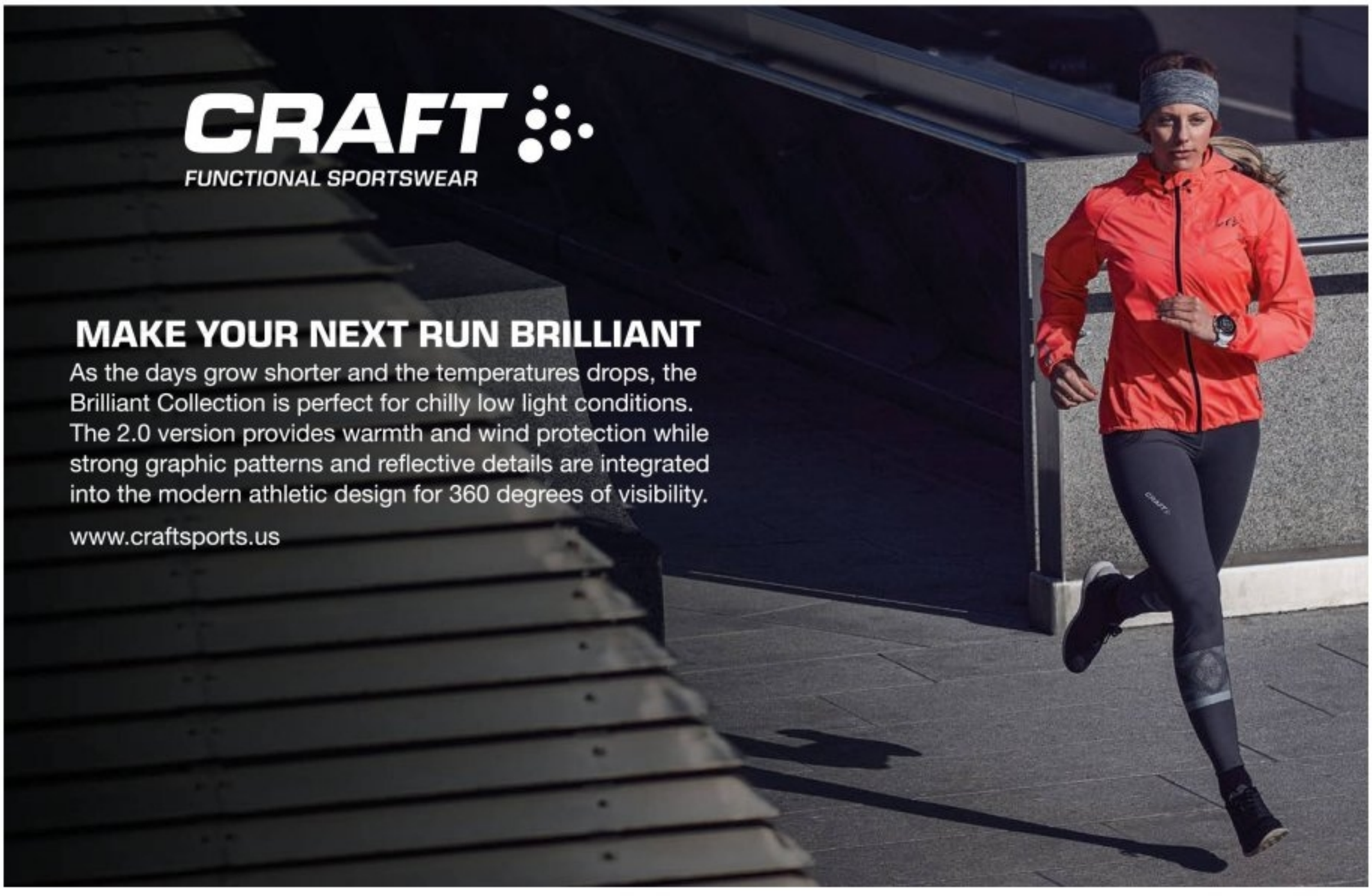
Speed cameras reduce crashes, and when there is a crash, reduced speed often lessens its severity.

Unfortunately, the House legislation has been stalled because politicians from outside Philadelphia have decided the city shouldn't choose how to promote safer streets. The bill has yet to receive a vote in the House.

"It is a too-frequent tragedy that lives like Daniela Gabay's are cut short crossing Roosevelt Blvd," tweeted State Rep. Jared Solomon, who attended Monday. "The [state House of Representatives] must bring SB172 up for a vote and save lives in Northeast Philly."

The city is planning to re-engineer the roadway, and public open houses are scheduled for late February. But something has to be done now. Speed cameras are a short-term solution that would help pedestrians and drivers stay safer.

But more of these signs will be hung in the coming months. Meanwhile, Senate Bill 172 sits in Harrisburg, collecting dust as the Boulevard collects lives.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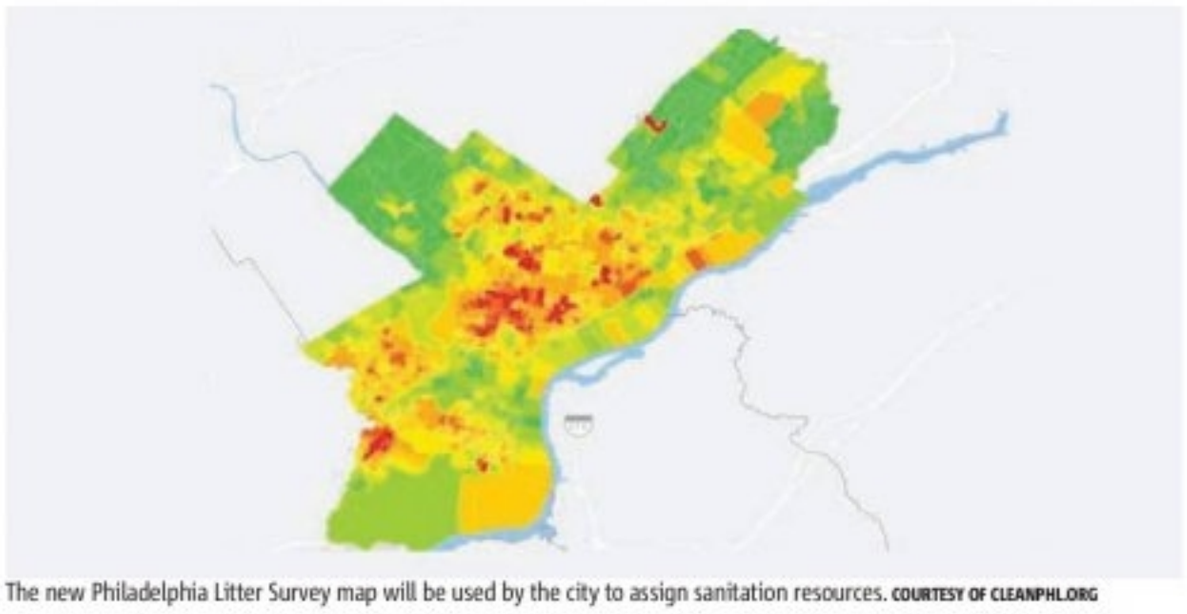

The new Philadelphia Litter Survey map will be used by the city to assign sanitation resources. COURTESY OF CLEANPHL.ORG

See how your neighborhood ranks on Philly's new litter map

In its quest to cleanse Philadelphia, the city is charting where litter is its worst.

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They don't call it Filthadelphia for nothing. Philly has long had a serious litter problem, and in December 2016, Mayor Kenney created a "Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet" to help find ways to combat the problem.

After announcing their action plan in August, the cabinet and city employees worked through December collecting data and surveying neighborhood to create the new City Litter Index, intended to support a "data-driven" approach to "unlittering" Philadelphia.

"Many of our neighborhoods still have streets and open land with trash accumulations, and it's our goal to improve these area," said Nic Esposito, who in addition to directing the Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet, also is known for running an urban farm in Kensington. "We want the Litter Index to be the tool that connects residents to resources for cleaning and greening their neighborhoods."

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Nic Esposito

On the map, large chunks of Philadelphia are green (a rating of 1 on the Make America Beautiful scale, meaning little to no litter). Most of it is yellow (a 2, litter that a person could pick up). But there are stubborn pockets of red (a 4, meaning litter that would require a "large cleanup effort or heavy machinery to remove").

Surveyors examined "streets, vacant lots, parks and recreation sites, public school sites, green stormwater infrastructure sites, transit stations, and other public rights-of-way," the city said, using GPS technology to ensure accuracy.

It's not the first time Philly has undertaken a litter index, but previously the Streets Department worked alone. Now, SEPTA, Parks & Rec, Community Life Improvement Program (CLIP), Water and Schools are all chipping in to get data on the land and properties that fall under their purview.

"We knew this was a powerful tool when we first used it in 2007," Streets Commissioner Carlton Williams said in a statement. "With five other departments contributing data along with Streets, we feel that this can be a tool to get to the root of litter issues."

The city plans to update this new Litter Index Survey annually as they work toward their goal of making Philly litter-free by 2035. It's also online for the public to look up their own blocks, get an average litter rating for their neighborhood — based either on vacant lots or on the streets in general — and offers referrals to city resources for help, like reporting illegal dumping or obtaining a recycling bin.

Find out how dirty your neighborhood is by looking up your address at cleanPHL.org.

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What should doctors say if a patient asks about e-cigarettes? GETTY IMAGES

Are e-cigarettes safe? Doctor lays out pros and cons

A new report sheds light on just how bad e-cigarettes are for you.

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There's plenty of evidence that smoking is bad for you, but the ruling on e-cigarettes isn't so clear. Do they help people quit, or do they get people to pick up the habit?

Nancy Rigotti, a physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School professor, hopes to shed more light on what doctors should tell patients who ask about e-cigs.

In a piece published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, Rigotti lays out e-cigarettes' benefits and harms.

"E-cigarettes have the potential for enormous benefit if they help smokers quit," Rigotti writes. "[But] this benefit must be balanced against potential harm if e-cigarettes entice youths who would not otherwise have become cigarette smokers to try e-cigarettes, become addicted to nicotine and then switch to combustible cigarettes."

Rigotti is a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM), which released a report on the public health consequences of e-cigarettes last month that was commissioned by the Food and Drug Administration.

The report's main finding was using e-cigs is less hazardous than continuing to smoke regular cigarettes because e-cigarettes don't burn tobacco.

Switching completely from cigarettes to e-cigs will likely lower smoking-related health hazards, the experts found — but those who continue to smoke both types don't see these benefits.

The NASEM committee also found no evidence that e-cigarettes increase someone's risk of cardiovascular or pulmonary disease, cancer or other "adverse outcomes." However, Rigotti warns that "lack of evidence does not equal evidence of no risk."

More research on e-cigs' long-term effects are needed, Rigotti cautions.

Although the use of e-cigarettes may increase the chances that non-smoking teens will try combustible cigarettes, the NASEM report concluded overall that the net effect of e-cigarettes is positive and will likely save lives over the next 50 years.

"E-cigarettes have the potential for enormous benefit if they help smokers quit."

Nancy Rigotti, physician

The NASEM report didn't, however, give advice for what doctors should tell smokers about these electronic versions. That's why Rigotti added her own guidance in this week's publication.

"I tell patients that using e-cigarettes is less harmful than continuing to smoke cigarettes, but because e-cigarettes are so new, I caution them that questions about their long-term safety remain unanswered," she writes.

Rigotti wants people considering e-cigarettes that they should switch over to the devices to stop smoking combustible cigarettes before eventually stopping e-cigarettes, too.

"Overall, the message I aim to convey," she writes, "is that I will continue to support and assist patients on their journey to becoming nonsmokers."

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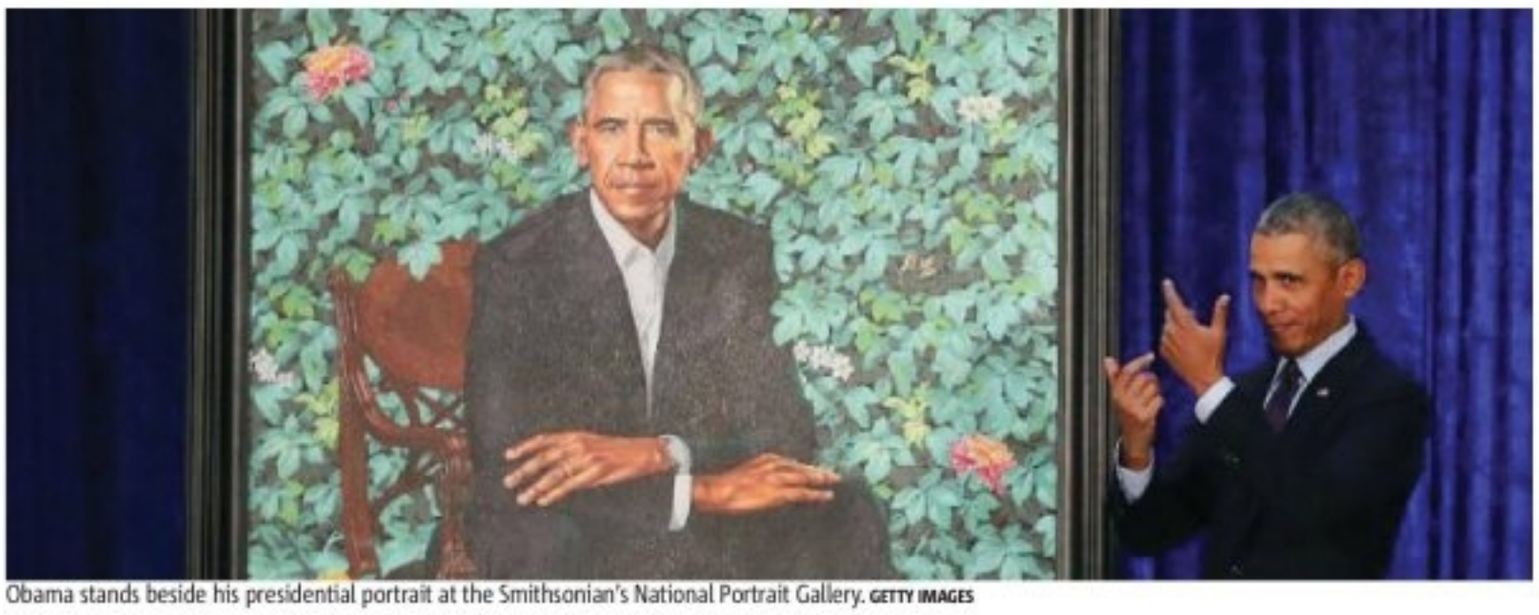
People are convinced there's an inappropriate 'secret' object painted in Obama's portrait



Obama stands beside his presidential portrait at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. GETTY IMAGES

Some are convinced that former President Barack Obama's portrait — in which he's seated in a greenery-hedged chair, posture comfortable, face calculated — contains "secret sperm." As tradition goes, President Barack Obama got his portrait done. So did Michelle (and her remarkably sculpted arms). Unveiled Monday, they're the talk of the town (aka the World Wide Web), and not just because the ex-presidential duo was the first to commission black artists to do the job (hers by Amy Sherald; his, Kehinde Wiley).

"I tried to negotiate less gray hair and Kehinde's artistic integrity would not allow [him] to do what I asked," Obama said Monday at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. And excess gray aside, he got more than he bargained for.

The rumor picked up steam after Fox News host Sean Hannity tweeted: "Obama's portrait—a stark contrast to predecessors with inappropriate sexual innuendo," and linked to an article on his website. Both were soon deleted.

But the cached article headlined "PORTRAIT PERVERSION: Obama Portrait Features 'SECRET SPERM'…" can still be seen. Wiley, a contemporary artist, is known for realistic portraits of African-Americans, which, according to his Facebook page, apply conventions of wealth and prestige and tie in inspiration from historical works.

The article on Hannity's site claims a vein by Obama's left temple — one that has been documented in a number of photos — is sperm.

It was revealed that the "secret sperm" theory appeared to have started in a 4Chan thread.

"Earlier today my web staff posted content that was not reviewed by me before publication," Hannity told The Daily Beast. "It does not reflect my voice and message."

The bizarre article pointed to a 2008 New York Times piece as evidence for Wiley's potential motive, which stated, "[Wiley's] portraits initially depicted African-American men against rich textile or wallpaper backgrounds whose patterns he has likened to abstractions of sperm. Some of the subjects were famous (rap and sports stars), others not."

Wiley couldn't be reached for comment.

"I tried to negotiate less gray hair and Kehinde's artistic integrity would not allow [him] to do what I asked"

Barack Obama

Snopes has debunked the sperm theory, noting that the claim's dubious sources, 4Chan and noted racist troll Alex Jones, also perpetuated the Obama "birther" myth. "Although both sources were correct in pointing out that some of Wiley's previous works featured direct and indirect representations of spermatozoa meant to mock 'the highly charged masculinity' (as one art critic put it) that so often characterizes classical Western portraiture," the site said, "They leapt a bit too eagerly to the conclusion that a faithfully-reproduced vein popping out of Obama's forehead is in fact a giant sperm cell. Clearly, it is nothing of the kind. Nor were we able to detect representations of sperm cells anywhere else in the images of Obama's portrait currently available on the internet." SAM BRODSKY

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Several dead at Florida high school after ex-student opens fire

Students embrace in Florida, following a school shooting. GETTY IMAGES

The bloodshed was the latest outbreak of gun violence that has become a regular occurrence at U.S. schools and colleges.

A former student at a Florida high school opened fire in the school on Wednesday, causing "numerous fatalities" and wounding at least 14 people before he was arrested by police, authorities said.

The attack took place shortly before dismissal at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, about 45 miles north of Miami, sending hundreds of panicked students fleeing into the streets while dozens of police and emergency services swarmed.

"There are numerous fatalities. It's a horrific situation," Broward Country Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie told reporters. He said the school district had no warning of a potential shooter and that there was no evidence of more than one shooter.

The gunman, about 18 years old, surrendered to police quietly, said Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel.

Fourteen wounded people were transported to area hospitals, Israel said, offering few details on the shooter.

"There was a time when he did attend the school," Israel said. "I don't know why he left, I don't know when he left."

McKenzie Hartley, 19, who identified herself as the sister of a student, described the scene in a text message: "She heard him shooting through the windows of classrooms and two students were shot."

Parents rushed to check on their children.

"It is just absolutely horrifying. I can't believe this is happening," Lissette Rozenblat, whose daughter goes to the school, told CNN. Her daughter called to say she was safe but that she heard the cries of a person who was shot.

"She was very nervous. She said that she could hear the person who was shot crying out for help," she told CNN. "My daughter is safe and I am very grateful."

Live television showed dozens of students, weaving their way between law enforcement officers with heavy weapons and helmets, and emergency vehicles.

"My prayers and condolences to the families of the victims of the terrible Florida shooting," U.S. President Donald Trump said on Twitter. "No child, teacher or anyone else should ever feel unsafe in an American school."

Israel, the sheriff, struggled to describe the scene: "It's catastrophic. There really are no words." REUTERS

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Fierce winds, bitter cold impact events at the Winter Olympics

Several Olympic events were postponed or rescheduled as strong winds swept through the Pyeongchang region on Wednesday, damaging temporary structures set up for the Games.

Nordic combined, biathlon and Alpine skiing events were postponed or delayed due to weather conditions, Olympic organizers said as they rejigged the competition schedule and worked to limit damage sustained around venues.

At the Gangneung Ice Arena, the venue for figure skating and short track speed skating, a tent set up for security screenings lay flat on the pavement.

Olympic volunteers and reporters trudged with their backs to the wind, shielding their faces from the dust.

In text messages sent to mobile phones in the coastal area, Gangneung City Hall called for people to be wary of flying objects and falling debris.

The streets of the Gangneung Media Village, where the majority of international journalists covering the Games are staying, were deserted except for a few security officials trying to fix damage to temporary structures. Several tents used as work areas for the press were closed.

Athletes have also felt the effects of the treacherous winds.

Canadian pairs figure skater Meagan Duhamel wrote on Twitter that the hanger she used for her competition dress "broke from the wind" ahead of the short programme on Wednesday in which she and partner Eric Radford finished third. REUTERS

Fans walk against the wind in Gangneung Olympic Park. GETTY IMAGES

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Wrong turn could have sparked security scare at NSA, says FBI

Police tape blocks a visitor's entrance to the headquarters of the National Security Agency (NSA) after a shooting incident at the entrance in Fort Meade, Maryland, on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Investigators said there was no reason to believe "that there is any nexus to terrorism."

A wrong turn may have led three men to drive onto the Washington-area campus of the U.S. National Security Agency on Wednesday, sparking a scare that drew gunfire from guards and sent three to the hospital, FBI officials said.

The FBI said there was no link to terrorism in the incident.

The motorists, who were not identified, drove to a gate of the secretive government agency in Fort Meade, Maryland, shortly before 7 a.m. Guards fired on the vehicle after it violated NSA security rules, officials said.

Gordon Johnson, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's special agent in charge for Baltimore, said at a news conference that officials were interviewing the men to determine their motive.

"That's our Question 1: What put these individuals on this compound earlier this morning?" he said.

Johnson said there was no reason to believe "that there is any nexus to terrorism."

The vehicle had what appeared to be bullet holes in its windshield and extensive front-end damage after crashing into a concrete traffic barrier, according to video of the scene.

"It looks like the gunfire was directed onto the vehicle," Johnson said, declining to say if weapons were found in the car. No one appeared to have been shot, he said.

Two of the people arrested were in the NSA's custody while the third, the driver of the vehicle, had been taken to a hospital with undisclosed injuries, Johnson said. An NSA police officer and a civilian bystander also suffered injuries that were not life-threatening, he said.

The NSA, one of the U.S. government's main spy agencies, is headquartered at a U.S. Army facility about 30 miles northeast of Washington and just off a major highway. Investigators believe it is possible the three men made a wrong turn.

"People go down that NSA exit all the time," FBI spokesman Dave Fitz told reporters. "That's one of the theories."

A White House spokeswoman said President Donald Trump had been briefed on the shooting.

In March 2015, two people tried to drive through the NSA's gate. Officers shot at the vehicle when they refused to stop, killing one of the occupants. The people in the vehicle may have taken a wrong turn after partying and taking drugs, according to news reports. REUTERS

"That's our Question 1: What put these individuals on this compound earlier this morning?"

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'Black Panther' inspiring, set to change lives

Michael B. Jordan talks representation and identity in Hollywood.

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The importance of "Black Panther" goes way beyond a Rotten Tomatoes score, its box office gross or how it links up with "Avengers: Infinity War."

The cultural ramifications of Ryan Coogler's blockbuster and the performances of Chadwick Boseman, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira, Letitia Wright and Michael B. Jordan are destined to be felt for many years to come, as audiences look set to embrace the diversity and authenticity that makes "Black Panther" feel so rich, distinctive and original.

Metro spoke with Jordan about his performance as the villainous Erik "Killmonger" Stevens in the movie, and what it means to African American audiences.

"I understand the importance of representation," he said. "You want to be able to identify with not just yourself but people you look like on screen, who are these characters and these roles and larger-than-life heroic superheroes."

Jordan's character travels to Wakanda, the fictional East African country that's home to superhero Black Panther, in order to dethrone Chadwick Boseman.

> *"We've got to help these kids dream. And to help their imagination so that they can see themselves in front of the camera and on screen like this."*
>
> Michael B. Jordan

"As a 10-year-old I would have been motivated and inspired and had a range of emotions if I had watched this as a kid," he shared. "We've got to help these kids dream. And to help their imagination so that they can see themselves in front of the camera and on screen like this."

"It really makes an impact on how they hold themselves, and the confidence they have. To be involved in that feels really good."

This wasn't the first time Jordan broached these issues on the big screen with co-writer and director Ryan Coogler ("Fruitvale Station," "Creed"), but it came naturally to the two friends.

"We really didn't talk about it all that much," Jordan revealed. "We kind of already knew what we were doing at this point. Representation and identity, and themes like that, we understand. When it came down to it all of the work was already done and we were just interested in shooting a movie."

And "Black Panther" is just the beginning. Because Jordan and his co-stars (mostly people of color) demand further blockbuster films with ethnically diverse casts and crews to follow the path they are paving.

"I definitely feel like this is the time for it, and that 'Black Panther' is going to open up the floodgates," he beamed. "Especially being backed by a studio like Marvel, we have the support of the biggest studio in the world. But it's also the cast, and not just that everything is going to be OK — but it's going to be awesome. All of that gives a validation to a property like this."

"There's a lot going on in our film. I just want people to go in there with an open mind and have some fun. Then, I guarantee they'll leave it with something more than they expect."

Join the millions of presale ticket holders and see "Black Panther" for yourself from Feb. 16.

"It really makes an impact."

‘Black Panther’ doesn’t need to do it all

Take your garbage hot-takes out to the curb.

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Everybody has a sentiment they believe is worth sharing when it comes to “Black Panther.” And some of them are very bad. “‘Black Panther’ carries the hopes of the global African diaspora.” “Does ‘Black Panther’ solve Hollywood’s Africa problem?” “What exactly will the Black community gain [from ‘Black Panther’], aside from another symbolic victory?”

Ahead of the film’s premiere this Friday, I have but a simple request: Retire these senseless hot-takes. “Black Panther” isn’t responsible for living up to some inessential expectations of what a black superhero should be. And while there’s no denying that there’s never been a movie quite like this, it just feels like it might be more useful to enjoy the film and just, you know, celebrate the damn thing.

In fact, the only acceptable hot-take from the film is that Michael B. Jordan is at his peak, both acting and looks-wise, and Ryan Coogler should direct all the movies. As Erik Killmonger, Michael Bae Jordan is a rare villain in that he is devoid of cartoonish motivations. You’re going to feel his pain, bro. Between that and the faux locs, I promise it’ll make you feel some type of way.

Yes: watching “Black Panther” is certainly an emotional experience, especially for a black person. But it’s bananas to say that it (or any other film, frankly) carries the hopes of all black people, or that it should be the one film to solve Hollywood’s Africa problem, whatever that is.

“Black Panther” might prove to studios that black narratives are bankable and it’s certainly a major win that will go down in the pop culture echelon as a Very Important Moment. But America will still be racist. And representation in Hollywood isn’t going to change overnight, either.

So while I plan on seeing Black Panther approximately seven more times, I also see it for what it is: a very good movie filled with very beautiful black people that should be held up and celebrated. It shouldn’t be expected to solve any problems or speak for the global African diaspora (by the way, it’s OK to just say “black.”)

“Black Panther” doesn’t need to be everything for everyone. It just needs to be enjoyed.

Let’s talk less about how this film is carrying the troubles of all black people on its shoulders, and more about how gorgeous everyone is in it. MARVEL

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BLACK PANTHER

Hollywood's shame is Black Panther's gain

And it's been a long time coming.

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Finally Hollywood's choosing to be on the right side of history. And it's paying off. MARVEL STUDIOS

Ruminating on Jackie Robinson taking to the field with the Brooklyn Dodgers, integrating professional baseball in 1947, Mario Cuomo famously said, "Too late."

"It was a wonderful moment when it happened. But when I think of it, it brings pain, too. It was a great triumph. But why? Why did it take all those years? Why should it have been such a big event? Why weren't we capable of better?"

Which is exactly what we think about "Black Panther" — a film that feels fresh, authentic and distinctive because of its predominantly African-American cast and crew.

We rarely see this kind of representation on the big screen, and for no good reason. Thankfully, that's about to change.

Ryan Coogler's work as co-writer and director, the performances of Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira and Letitia Wright, and the freedom given to them by Marvel Studios to make the film that they desired (and that audiences demanded) has been so roundly celebrated that "Black Panther" is set to be a worldwide phenomenon.

But why has it taken so long? Why did Hollywood studios shun diverse casts and refuse to approach subject matters and topics that audiences were pining to see?

Chadwick Boseman explained it best at the Chinese American Film Festival in November after picking up the award for the Most Popular U.S. Actor in China: "As African-American actors we are told that our popularity and our movies don't travel overseas."

Even on the rare occurrences that such films are made, studios make sure they keep production costs low and market them only to American audiences. "Black Panther" is bucking that trend, as it's being heavily promoted worldwide, and early predictions are that it has galvanized black cinemagoers everywhere.

"Black Panther" is the ultimate proof of the stories still waiting to be told and the worlds still waiting to be explored. It's just embarrassing that it's taken Hollywood so long to tell them.

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‘Black Panther’ is set to be big ... but just how big?

This movie brings a whole new meaning to “must see” MARVEL

Advance ticket sales are through the roof.

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Now that the superhero movie of the year is upon us, the excitement’s palpable. The stunning critical response, manifested with a Rotten Tomatoes score of 98%, has combined perfectly with the blockbuster’s marketing campaign and its avalanche of tantalizing clips and trailers to leave it on the cusp of becoming a pop culture phenomenon.

It’s predicted that “Black Panther” will gross around $170 million this weekend alone ... and that’s just domestically. As the “most-tweeted-about movie” in 2018, it’s expected that number is likely to be low.

This film has also already sold more advance IMAX tickets than any other Marvel movie, and “Black Panther” is a contender to match or best the opening weekend grosses of “Iron Man 3” ($174 million), “Captain America: Civil War” ($179 million), “Avengers: Age Of Ultron” ($191 million) and even “The Avengers” ($207 million), each of which individually brought in between $1.153 billion and $1.518 billion worldwide.

Why’s that a big deal?

First of all, the other four films mentioned were released at the start of May, Marvel’s prime time for unleashing its biggest film of the year, which also usually signals the start of the summer blockbuster season. February, on the other hand, is usually referred to as a cinematic graveyard, due to the cold weather, post-Christmas poverty and the interest in awards season.

Also, each of the aforementioned four films were sequels, and were led by superheroes that had already established their solo movie credentials in previous installments.

Not even Marvel’s most recent origin stories, released at the height of their popularity, have generated such interest. “Guardians Of The Galaxy” ($773 million), “Ant-Man” ($519 million), “Doctor Strange” ($677 million) and the “Homecoming” ($880 million) for Spider-Man, a character with a long and storied cinematic history before he entered the MCU, each fell well short of such estimations.

One of the big unknowns for “Black Panther,” though, is how it will fare overseas. Insiders are keeping their predictions close to their chests, but are expecting it to open anywhere between $75 million and $115 million.

While “Black Panther’s” success in the US is all but guaranteed, a stellar performance internationally would have a longer lasting impact on the movie industry. Especially because as recently as November Chadwick Boseman was discussing how African-American actors are still being told “our popularity and our movies don’t travel overseas.”

We’ll find out if “Black Panther” is the ultimate proof that suggestion has always just been a lazy excuse from studios not to make more diverse movies in the weeks to come.

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Couples had their fun hand-holding, overpaying for dinner and having subpar sex yesterday. Now's the time for singles to shine. Here's how to treat #1 on Singles Awareness Day today.

1. Eat some chocolate

You know what you want, and if you rely on someone else they'll no doubt screw up the order (white chocolate? Please. Dipped strawberries? Nah. Extra dark with sea salt? Now you're talking.). Philly has so many great places to indulge in quality choc, from Marcie Blaine Artisanal Chocolates in Midtown Village (108 S. 13th St.) to Shane Confectionery in Old City (110 Market St.). Savor some, you sexy single.

2. Go to Longwood Gardens

Sad because no one bought you flowers? Well, a trip to Longwood Gardens is a much better option in our book. Would you rather look at a Wawa bouquet on your desk or take a memorable trip with your flying-solo friends and see millions of the world's most stunning buds? Yeah, we choose the latter, too.

3. Have some wine

You know what's great about wine? It tastes amazing whether you have a significant other or not. You know what pairs really well with it? Silence ... unless you feel like flirting. Head to Pinot Boutique (227 Market St.), choose your favorite drop and sip away to the sound of singlehood.

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5. Have dinner with your single friends

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Have a fabulous dinner with your single friends. PEXELS

6. Treat yo'self

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A quirky mix of entertainment forms, Drew Nugent leads this lineup of jazz, schtick and burlesque theater—tinged with humor. It's a raucous good time—right-sized for The Trocadero—that's filled with magic, sideshow and sexy get-downs on stage. **Feb. 16, 7 p.m.**
The Trocadero Theatre
1003 Arch St.
thetroc.com $20

Get Pegged

Adrienne Truscott and Jackie Soro are the marquee acts in this month's iteration of the cabaret series. Truscott is a multi-disciplinary artist—circus performer, dancer, writer and comedian—and Soro is a multi-media artist and character actor, performing as feminist Sheryl.
Feb. 16, 10:30 p.m.
FringeArts
140 N. Columbus Blvd.
fringearts.com $5

Craft Sundays

Sundays all month long, Tattooed Mom hosts crafting gatherings that gives guests a chance to decorate their own drink coasters or pint glasses. All while enjoying the weekend brunch menu or, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., or late night from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m., a half-price draft. **Feb. 18**
Tattooed Mom
530 South St.
tattooedmomphilly.com
Pay as you go

"Waitress"

The traveling version of the hit Broadway musical from singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles makes its way to the Kimmel Center, telling a story of expert pie-making and fresh starts. The show spans approximately 120 minutes, not counting intermission.
Through Feb. 18
Forrest Theatre
1114 Walnut St.
kimmelcenter.org $62

FOOD & DRINK

Wine and Chocolate Social

The Wine & Chocolate Social, by Drink Nation, returns to the National Museum of American Jewish History, with chocolates from Scoop DeVille, Revolution Taco, Sweet Freedom Bakery and Famous Fourth Street Cookie Company, among others. Wine is provided by South Italy Imports and Chaddsford Winery; beer will also be available.
Feb. 16, 7 p.m.
Nationa Museum of American Jewish History
101 S. Independence Mall
thedrinknation.com $45

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Lunar New Year Celebration

A celebration of the year ahead, as well as a gesture of good luck for the months ahead, the Chinese New Year—in this iteration, at least—features a Lion Dance and demonstration of martial arts, followed up by traditional Chinese food. This is a well-attended annual event from International House. **Feb. 15, 7 p.m.**
International House Philly, 3701 Chestnut St. ihousephilly.org $15

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Feb. 15, 8 p.m.
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29 E. Allen St.
bigsomething.net $13

Nitty Gritty

During this drink-and-dance shindig, The Dolphin Tavern comes to life with the sound of The Beach Boys and other surf-rock jams. Promised: "all vinyl, all night," courtesy of DJ David Atlas—with no cover charge.
Feb. 15, 10 p.m.
The Dolphin Tavern
1539 S. Broad St.
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LGBT

A Gay Old Time

Drinks and jokes flow at this LGBT comic show, featuring out comics Brandon Vincent Jackson, Dan Vetrano, Michael Kelly, Molly Hanulec and Lindsay Boling. Callback bar opens at 5 p.m.
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THEATER

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'Love, Lies and Taxidermy'

Through March 4, see this joyous UK comedy about 17-year-old big-dreamer Valentyn, who is strangely concerned not just with his own love life, but with rekindling his parents' romance. The play originally debuted at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2016.
Feb. 16, 8 p.m., Louis Bluver Theatre at The Drake, 302 S. Hicks St. inisnuatheatre.org $25

Condom Fashion Show

Prevention is Key Consulting is the beneficiary of this quirky fashion show, in which teenagers create their own condom fashions in an environment of music, raffles and other convivial shenanigans. Naturally, guests also walk away with free condoms.
**Feb. 18, 3 p.m.
Temple University Center City
1515 Market St.
Eventbrite.com $20**

MUSIC

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The Commodores

Popular for the song "Brick House," Grammy Award-winning The Commodores were staples of Motown, selling 60 million records under the famous label. The group has since formed its own record label and continues to tour its lineup of hits.**Feb. 17, 8 p.m.
Parx Xcite Center
2999 Street Road
parxcasino.com/xcitecenter
$35**

MUSEUMS

Charles Santore: Fifty Years of Art and Storytelling

A first-of-its-kind retrospective of illustrator Charles Santore, this showcase includes commercial work and pieces from "Snow White," "The Wizard of Oz" and his latest work featured in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," released just last year. Guests also get a glimpse into Santore's work process.
**Feb. 17, 10 a.m.
Woodmere Art Museum
9201 Germantown Ave.
woodemereartmuseum.org
$10**

George Washington's Birthday

Not only is it the final weekend to see the "Among His Troops" exhibit, with its 235-year-old panoramic painting depicting the Revolutionary War, but there will be free birthday cake—with a larger-than-life card to sign—in celebration of George Washington's birthday. Swing by on Sunday for a ticketed breakfast with George Washington.
**Feb. 17, 1 p.m.
Museum of the American Revolution
101 S. Third St.
amrevmuseum.org
Free**

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Art for All: A Practical Guide for Leading a Creative Life

Playwright and Elle staff writer R. Eric Thomas—see: "Eric Reads the News"--joins with Yale-Horn Drama-winning playwright Jacqueline Goldfinger to present a creative writing workshop with insider tips and confidence-building exercises.
**Feb. 18, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia Young Playwright Learning Lab 1219 Vine St., Second Floor
theatrephiladelphia.org $15**

EAT LIKE AN INSIDER

Michael Johnigean

Michael Johnigean has only been in Philly for a year but already loves our food scene. PROVIDED

Find out where to get the best nachos in the city.

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Any visit to Fishtown's Mad Rex is an unforgettable one. With its post-apocalyptic theme, impeccable menu of nutritious yet decadent eats and virtual reality lounge, there's plenty to taste, sip and experience. Mad Rex partner Michael Johnigean has always had a passion for healthy food, which is what inspired him to get into the restaurant industry in the first place.

"I wasn't pleased with the selections that normal restaurants carry, so I decided to create my own," he says.

The 55-year-old hails from Jacksonville, Florida and has only been living in Philadelphia for the past year, but has already gotten to know a fair bit of our food scene.

Here are a few of his picks on the best places to eat in Philadelphia, which include everything from nachos to butter peach tarts.

Best late-night meal?

Silk City *(435 Spring Garden St.)* because it reminds me of the food that my friends and I would cook late at night for each other. The meatloaf is my favorite dish.

Best meal under $10?

The best meal under $10 would be the veggie pizza at **SliCE Fishtown** *(431 E. Girard Ave.)* because it is a thinner crust, healthier, authentic version of real Italian pizza. I try to eat healthy and get in as many vegetables as I can and this does the trick with some of my favorites like eggplant, roasted peppers and portobello mushrooms.

Best hidden food gem?

It would have to be a tie between **Helm** *(1303 N. 5th St.)* and **Jaxon** *(701 N. 3rd St.)* because they're small BYOBs in Northern Liberties that make outstanding food from scratch, fresh from the kitchen, and take amazing care of their customers. My favorite dish from Helm is the butter peach tart and my favorite dish from Jackson is their housemade fettuccine.

Best place to dine alone?

Definitely, **North 3rd** *(3rd & Brown Sts.)* because it has a dive type of feel with great food, service and atmosphere. I always have a great experience here.

Place you always take or recommend for out-of-towners?

Parc *(227 S. 18th St.)* because it feels like you're in France and the food is incredibly consistent and decadent. My favorite dish is the 1/2 roast chicken.

Go-to date spot?

Double Knot *(120 S. 13th St.)* because the atmosphere is romantic and interesting. My favorite dish is the broiled sea bass.

Best place to catch up with friends?

El Vez *(121 S. 13th St.)* because of the atmosphere — warm and friendly, and the food is healthy. The have the best nachos in the city, hands down.

Most Instagrammable restaurant?

I might be biased, but **Mad Rex** *(1000 Frankford Ave.)* because of the many art exhibits, artwork from across the globe and theatrical menu items. Plus the food literally screams out to be photographed. My favorite dish to put on 'Gram is the filet on the lava black rock. The black rock process catches your eye and makes for unique video and stories.

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0476 – Mona Hamilton • 0484 – Vincent Purnell • 0502 – Keisha Brown • 0520 – Kiana Thomas • 0524 – Vernon Gordon
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1060 - Jas Harley • 1069 - Kyeonnah Miles • 1108 - Robert Tagliaferro • 1102 - Anthony Cooper • 1234 - Toya Knowles
1253 - Nakesha Mckethan • 1297 - Richard Moe • 2216 - Tierra Brown • 2222 - Nicole Flores • 2244 - Akeem Nixon • 2260 - James Kelly
2300 - Keyleen Turner • 2334 - Kyara Velez • 2341 - Stephanie Sanchez • 3007 - Velma Thompson • 3038 - Nicole Black • 3113 - Matthew Bowman
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A030 - Zarifa Jaradat • A045 - Natasha Cossom • A090 - Mark Gintvain • B143 - Adele Roehr
B150 - Erica Ortiz • B154 - Stephen Purnell • B187 - Maria Beltran
C302 - Lynne Mcintosh • C360 - Robert Coleman • D432 - Amada Solis

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A010 – Susan Hurley • A033 - Susan Hurley • A045 – Shaun Birton • A052 – Sacika Sok
A112 – Raymond Llewellyn • A146 – Brenda Walsh • A204 - Susan Hurley • A207 – Barbara Cruz
B033 – Shatiera Thomas • B034 – James Key • B090 – Edward Bilger • B101 – Marcella Banach
B102 – Felice Thompson • B126 – Gustavo Ruano • B144 – Tara Tozzi • C007 – Kristy Riebow
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A0149 – Alex Williams • A220 – Shatta Coffee • A231 – Patricia Hill • A239 – Arleen Montes • A401 – Jade Figueroa • A404 – Christopher Murray
A466 – Jose Luis Rivera-Hurtado • A513 – Richard Brainard • A545 – Reginald Allen • A552 – Lenard Sanderlin • A584 – Kristoffer Edwards • A606 – Shawnee Mason
A742 – Nadia Rose • A763 – Omar Abdulkhlil • A787 – Lindsey Shoniger • A803 – maria m. ortiz • A817 – Jerry Brown • A829 – Marsha Mark • A832 – Corie Harris
A838 – Tracy Davis • A868 – Arianca Delarosa • B1102 – Harry Wright • B1110 – Justin Dalley • B1202 – Carolynn Cole • B1304 – Yvonne Edwards
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Switzerland beyond the slopes

The best things to do in Switzerland that don't require strapping on skis.

Fodor's Travel

Alpine villages have plenty to recommend them off-piste. GETTY IMAGES

Dine like James Bond at the sky-high Piz Gloria restaurant. PROVIDED

Ride the world's steepest cogwheel railway

Mount Pilatus looms over Lucerne and reaching the top involves a ride on the world's steepest cog railway. A 10-minute walk from the summit station takes you to the central peak of Esel and an observation platform with magnificent views of Lucerne, the lake, and surrounding Alps.

Discover the origins of the universe

The home to the world's largest, most powerful particle accelerator resides underneath the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) on the outskirts of Geneva. The machine, which uses magnets to smash together particles moving at almost the speed of light, allowed scientists to identify the Higgs boson in 2012. Better known as the "God particle," the Higgs boson helps explain why much of the universe's mass exists. Reserve early: The two-hour guided tour fills up quickly.

Stroll through Lucerne

In the geographic heart of the country, Lucerne offers a quintessential Swiss experience: Jaw-dropping mountains lead to a medieval town nestled along the edge of a sapphire-blue lake lined with waterfront promenades and crisscrossed by picture-perfect, wood-covered bridges.

Go to the top of Europe

With an altitude of 11,333 feet, the Jungfraujoch is the most accessible high-altitude peak in Europe. A 30-minute train ride takes you to the Top of Europe restaurant, a glass-and-steel building with views of the Eiger. Go even higher with a high-speed elevator that takes you 364 feet up to the Sphinx Terrace and the vast Aletsch Glacier, the longest glacier in the Swiss Alps.

Listen to music

The Swiss hills are alive with the sound of roughly 300 music festivals. A few of the biggest include the Lucerne Festival, Paleo in Nyon and, of course, the world-famous Montreaux Jazz Festival. In July, the festival hosts international jazz and pop fixtures as well as up-and-coming artists. The waterfront setting includes several free shows and food and drink stalls.

Eat cheese

More than 450 types of cheese are produced in Switzerland, but two cheesy dishes reign supreme: fondue and raclette. Fondue, a country-wide staple, is a mix of hard cheese and a dash of white wine, garlic and brandy. Raclette is even simpler: a wedge of cheese is heated to melting, then scraped onto potatoes and cornichons.

See Chagall

In 1967, a retrospective of Marc Chagall's work brought the Russian-born artist to Zurich. At 80 years old, he sat in the Fraumunster and agreed to take on the long sought-after project of creating five stained-glass windows for the famous church. Installed in 1970, the sapphire- and ruby-colored windows have drawn art lovers and tourists ever since.

Go for a hike

Small yellow signs dot nearly 40,000 miles of hiking trails throughout Switzerland, including the Swiss National Park, the Alps' oldest national park and UNESCO biosphere reserve. Along nearly 50 miles of hiking trails, you'll spot winding rivers, dense Alpine forest, and possibly ibexes, chamois, marmots and golden eagles.

Ride the rails

Swiss trains run like clockwork and they're an efficient, easy, and speedy way to get around. They also wind through such stunning scenery that the journey becomes the experience. The most scenic are the Glacier Express between Zermatt and St. Moritz and the Bernina Express, which is the highest Alpine railway, crossing famous bridges and viaducts through Europe's highest concentration of hilltop castles.

Paddle the lakes

There are several thousand lakes in Switzerland, with one estimate putting the number at 7,000. Cruising along the crystalline water with the majestic Alps in the background is an idyllic experience. From Belle Époque paddle steamers to dinner cruises, there are an abundance of options. Favorites include those on Lucerne, Thun, Lugano, Geneva and Zurich lakes.

Eat like James Bond

Not far from Interlaken, the Schilthorn mountain rises up more than 9,700 feet. At its peak, accessed by a four-stage cable car ride, sits the revolving Piz Gloria restaurant, famous as the set of the 1969 James Bond movie "On Her Majesty's Secret Service."

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To-do list for Eagles' 2018 offseason

Who should the Eagles cut? Who should they re-sign? We've got a plan.

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What will the Eagles' linebacking corps look like next season? There could be some changes made this offseason. GETTY IMAGES

The quest for the Eagles to repeat as Super Bowl champs has already begun.

With two months of vacation time for the players continuing through April, the front office will be hard at work looking to craft a roster good enough to be world champions again. This will require a delicate dance between drafting well, trading creatively and making flawless contract decisions. Howie Roseman has shown he can walk that line and will be hard at work to do it again.

Who to cut

Brent Celek, Torrey Smith, Mychal Kendricks

The Eagles stand over the salary cap threshhold heading into next season. They need to open up some room. Letting Celek (who may retire), Smith and Kendricks walk, while all big decisions, will open up more than $13 million in cap space. Celek is aging, got his Super Bowl ring and has seen less playing time as Zach Ertz has become a super star. Smith was a strong voice in the locker room but Mack Hollins will easily step up in his absence next season. And Kendricks played very well in the wake of the injured Jordan Hicks, but retaining Nigel Bradham is more important (more on that later). Keep in mind, these are all trade candidates as well — but if push comes to shove the Birds will have to make some cuts.

Who to restructure

Jason Peters, Jason Kelce, Brandon Graham, Vinny Curry

The three aformentioned players are immensely important with regard to the Eagles current run of success. Kelce can be cut for just a $1 million cap hit, but the Eagles won't do that. What they will likely try and do, is sign him to a back-loaded contract that opens up some space this season, playing up the need to keep the band together. Peters, who is 36, will face a similar request from the Eagles. Lowering his cap hit from a current rate of $11.66 million to a more reasonable number, in the $8 million range will provide savings. Curry was given a huge contract a few years ago but just three sacks later (and after the emergence of Derek Barnett) his $11 million hit is too high. He can be restructured to save around $5 million (or cut for the same savings). As for Graham, with one year left in his current contract, an extension is due. The moves made previously will allow the Eagles to extend the outside rusher.

Making these seven moves gets the Eagles from $9 million over the cap to more than $13 million under it.

Who to re-sign

Trey Burton, Nigel Bradham, Corey Graham

The Eagles will have a handful of free agents to re-sign and those decisions will be among the toughest. If the Eagles finally part ways with Kendricks, Bradham's return will be key. He just finished a two-year $7 million deal and something in that range would be perfect. Burton could cash in as a free agent elsewhere, but if the Eagles can sign him as the No. 2 tight end on a team-friendly contract that would also be a smart move. LeGarrette Blount will walk, as the Eagles have enough at running back in Corey Clement and Jay Ajayi. Patrick Robinson will walk too, his value has never been higher, but Sidney Jones will fill in for him next season. Re-upping veteran safety Corey Graham would be a smart move with aging veterans Malcolm Jenkins and Rodney McLeod returning next season. Beau Allen and Darren Sproles are two other potential re-signs.

Who to trade

Nick Foles

Carson Wentz's recovery will be key. The Eagles are in a good situation where they shouldn't feel forced to move Foles before the draft — though doing so could get them back on the clock in the second day (they have no second- or third-round picks). They'll want to make sure Wentz is on target to return for Week 1. If so, they can move him this offseason. If not, they will be smart to keep him on the roster to potentially start Week 1, and be a trade deadline move mid-season.

Who to sign

A strong backup QB

If the Eagles trade Foles, they'll need a new back up. If the Eagles keep Foles — who has one year left on his current contract worth $7.5 million — they will still need a strong back up quarterback as they'll need to start the year with three QB on the 53-man roster (they will definitely not put Wentz on the IR). Candidates could include Josh McCown or even Sam Bradford.

Who to draft

Offensive line, linebacker, defensive backs

The list of needs is shorter than ever, but there is still a list. Jason Peters' future at left tackle is up in the air and the team had to do some shuffling at guard this past season. Getting a young offensive lineman who can be a starter in the next year or two will be a smart move with the Eagles' first round pick. They also have a lack of depth at linebacker and will need to add some up-and-coming talent to help Hicks. And as always, the Eagles are an injury to Ronald Darby away from being burned on a deep pass — adding depth at defensive back should be the third priority.

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Flyers forced to turn to backup in goal for playoff stretch drive

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It looks, and sounds, like another Philadelphia team has no choice but to turn to a backup at a crucial position for the stretch drive of the season.

Less than two weeks after quarterback Nick Foles led the Eagles to their first Super Bowl championship, taking over for an injured Carson Wentz in the final weeks of the regular season, the Flyers will need backup Michal Neuvirth to steady the bus between the pipes.

The Flyers announced Tuesday that starting goalie Brian Elliott will miss up to six weeks after undergoing surgery to repair a core muscle. The news elevates Neuvirth, who has been hot and cold this season, to starter as the Flyers fight tooth and nail for a playoff berth – while a trade before this month's deadline for a No. 1 goalie appears remote.

"It's certainly not what you want – one of your players, and obviously an important player for us to this point, to get hurt," general manager Ron Hextall said on Tuesday. "What it does is give someone else an opportunity. We believe in Michal Neuvirth. We signed him because we believed in him."

His coach felt the same way.

"We've got all the confidence in the world in Neuvy," Dave Hakstol said following a heartbreaking 5-4 shootout loss on Tuesday to the Devils. "He's done a good job for us two nights a row."

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Neuvirth stopped all five shots he faced after relieving Elliott in the shootout against the Arizona Coyotes as the Flyers won their first shootout of the year. He followed that up with a 38-save effort 24 hours later in a 4-1 victory in Vegas, which owns the best record in the Western Conference.

Despite making 32 saves, he was a bit shakier – as were the guys in front of him – against the Devils.

"It's definitely exciting [to be the starting goalie], but I feel bad for [Elliott] as it's tough to see him go down like that," said Neuvirth, who is 7-7 with a 2.58 goals against average and .915 save percentage. "This is a team game and we are playing for each other. We are doing a great job and we need to keep doing that."

The Flyers went into Wednesday's games in third place in the Metropolitan Division and have a four-point lead over the Blue Jackets, who sit outside the final wild card spot. Since ending their 10-game losing streak, they have gone 20-8-3 and have been one of the best teams in the league during the stretch.

Most of those games were started by Elliott, though. The spotlight will now shine on Neuvirth.

"I know Neuvy, under pressure, has been really good," Hextall said. "He's shown in stints with us that he can take the ball for a while and run with it."

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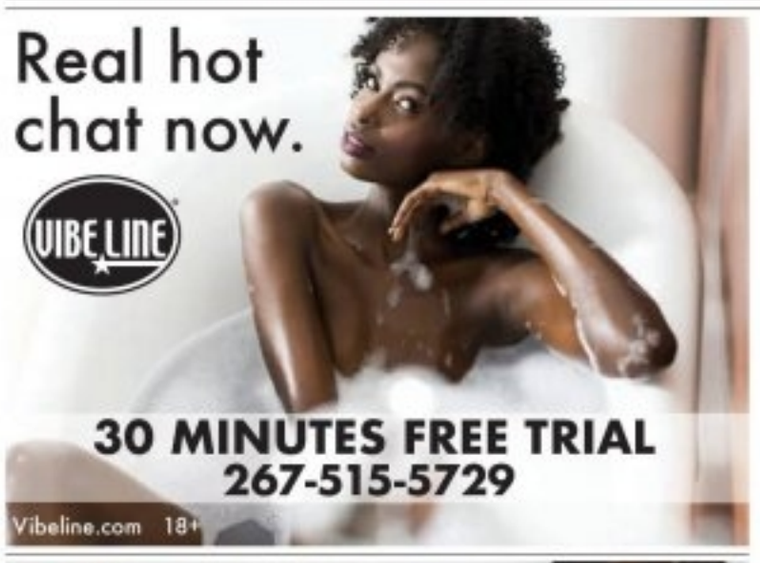

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Across

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5 Pursue
10 Symbol of Ireland
14 Kind of sax
15 Halos
16 Caspian Sea tributary
17 Wynter or Carvey
18 Open, as a bottle
19 Puerto –
20 Glossy paints
22 Got on the plane
24 Kind
25 Ms. Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
26 Certain hut
30 Continent connector
34 Hoodlum
35 Talk on and on
37 Cloy
38 Woosnam of golf
39 Website
40 Ms. Hagen
41 Hockey disk
43 Food on a skewer
45 Maintain
46 More glossy
48 Complains
50 Formerly known as
51 Wool cap
52 Scrap
56 Larry, Curly and Moe
60 Wagon part
61 Stand for Van Gogh
63 Quick bite
64 Solidify
65 Throw into a panic
66 Infinitesimal amount
67 Unreturnable tennis serves
68 Slightly tinted
69 Father of Seth

Down

1 Commanded
2 Enthusiastic liveliness
3 Volcano in Sicily
4 Fizzing
5 Sealed a tub
6 Attila's subjects
7 Curved line
8 Swedish auto
9 Take up, as a cause
10 Cheers
11 Like the Gobi
12 The Tour de France, for one
13 Grind away
21 Raised railways
23 Lb. or tsp.
26 Little swabs (hyph.)
27 Self-mover's rental (hyph.)
28 Pound division
29 Straighter
30 Gold filling
31 Purple hue
32 Out-and-out
33 Scorches
36 Sun, poetically
42 Doghouses
43 Most gung-ho
44 Fought
45 Smelling salts
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49 Former Chinese leader
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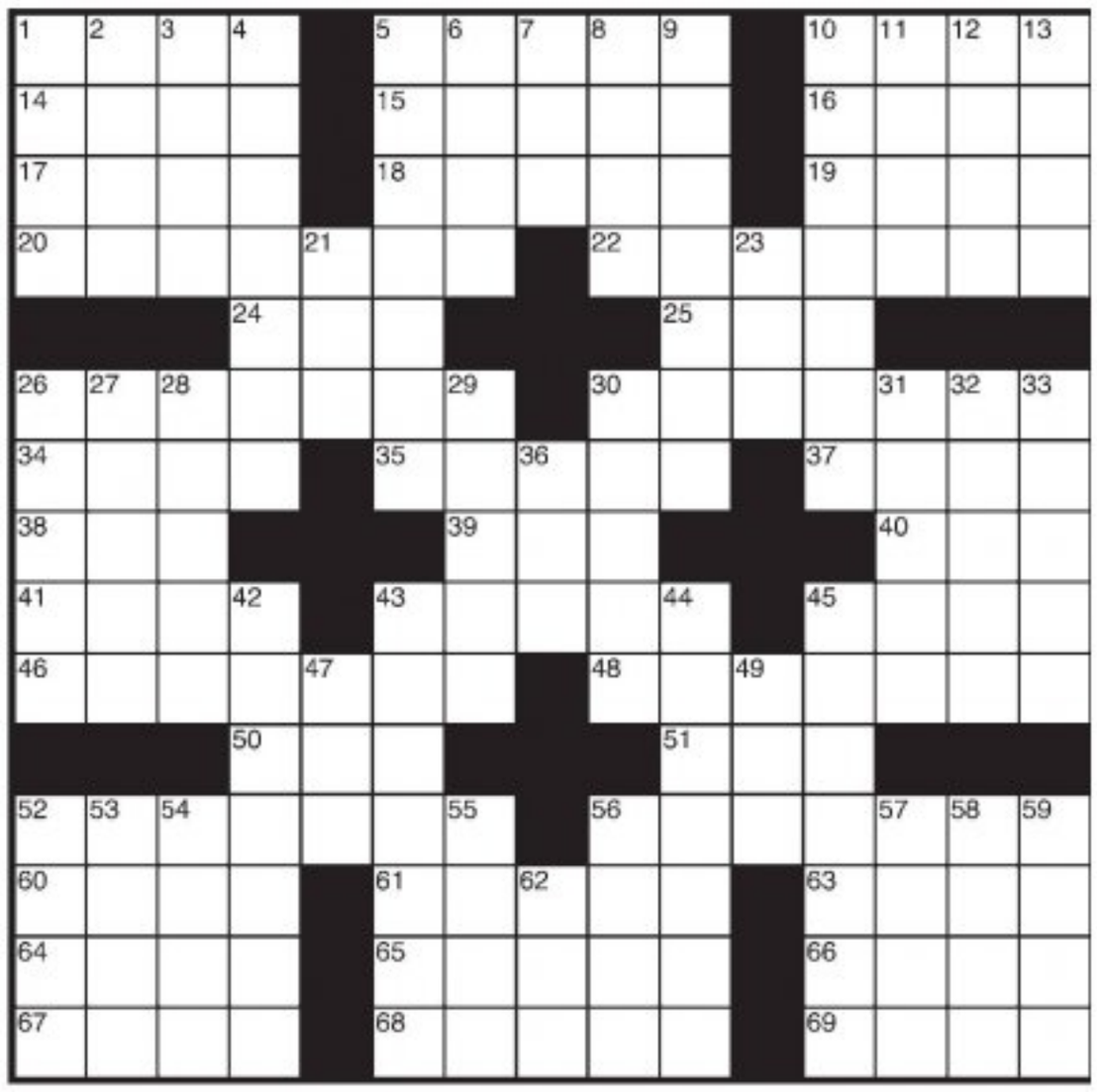

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Aries An impulsive act may seem like the thing, but before you jump into something that requires financial assistance, look at the facts and figures. Protect yourself against loss.

Taurus Someone will take advantage of you. Don't let compliments go to your head. Only do what you feel is worth your time and effort. Someone's motives are questionable.

Gemini You must draw the line if someone is placing too much pressure on you. Don't offer something that you cannot deliver. Honesty will be in your best interest.

Cancer Refuse to let a friend, colleague or loved one take advantage of you. There is only so much you can do before you are faced with an emotional, financial or physical cost.

Leo Scrutinize contracts, money matters and joint ventures before you give the go-ahead. If someone puts up a fuss because you ask questions, know enough to walk away.

Virgo Look over personal papers. Be careful when sharing confidential information. One of your peers is likely to use what you divulge to discredit you or take advantage of you.

Libra Personal changes will make a difference to your life and the people in it. Don't go overboard when shopping or socializing.

Scorpio Consider the changes you want to make and the consequences your choices will have on you and on those you love. Make love a priority and offer kindness over discord.

Sagittarius You'll be tempted to take on too much or to overspend. Before you commit, look for hidden costs. Someone will try to trick you into something you don't need.

Capricorn Moderation will be required when dealing with others. Stick to your regular routine and avoid being persuaded to participate in something that is costly or discrediting.

Aquarius Stick to what's affordable and what can help you maintain a healthy and clear attitude. Revert to a regimented routine that worked for you in the past.

Pisces When it comes to legal, financial or health issues, look at the big picture and decide what's best for you. Trust your instincts to guide you in the right direction. EUGENIA LAST

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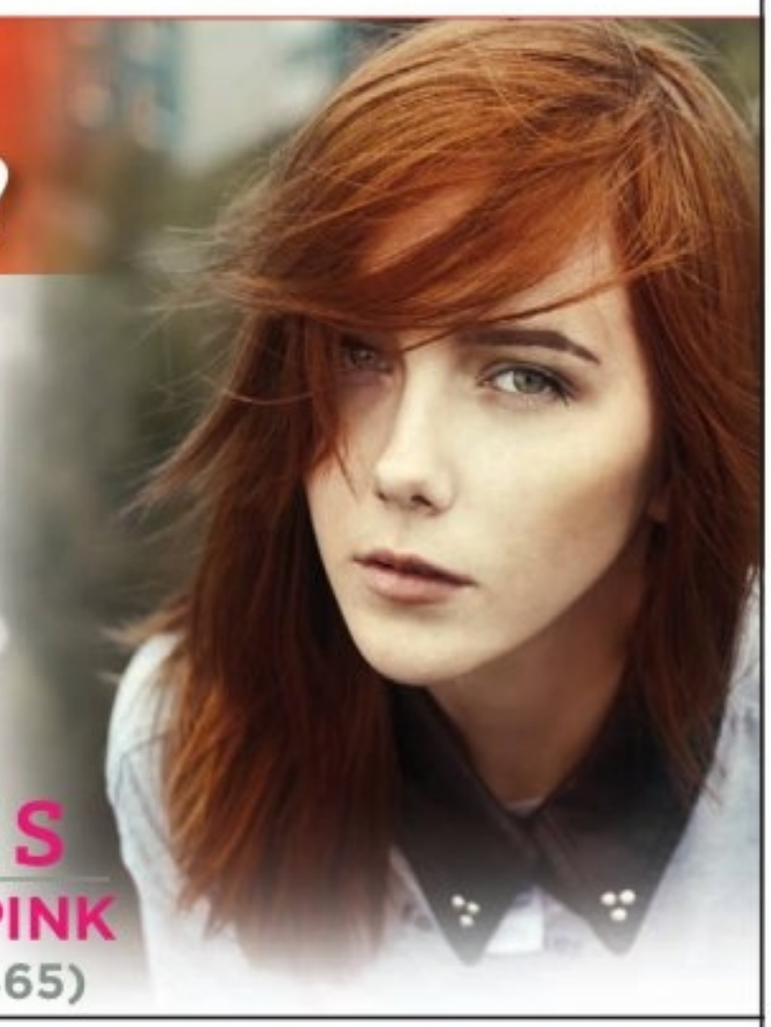

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